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Mr. Malcolm A. Frost
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Dear Malcolm:

Since my visit last fall a number of personnel changes have taken place amongst the FBIS Staff at Caversham. It was my intention to advise you prior to making any assignment to Caversham in order that you would have an opportunity to express dissatisfaction with any person whom we proposed. In the pressure of constantly rotating people, not always through choice, I have neglected to do this and wish to take this opportunity to apologize.

So that our relations may continue to be as cordial and forthright as always, I wish to assure you that if at any time any of the FBIS people assigned to Caversham become personae non gratis we will immediately remove them. I think we both recognize the principle that the detailed reasons for this cannot always conveniently be expressed, at least in writing. Therefore, I hope that you will not feel compelled to justify any expression of dissatisfaction with our people.

I hope that new FBIS arrivals at Caversham are being properly presented to you. I feel very strongly that we should observe the courtesies as far as we possibly can, but realize that the pressure of other things sometimes interferes.

I have received your letter of 26 February wherein you state you will be unable to visit Washington until after the Staff economies have been implemented. I certainly hope that you will be able to make your visit prior to the commencement of the hot weather in Washington, knowing how you dislike hot, humid climates.

This is a personal letter, and I am not sending copies to anyone else.

With very best regards,

Sincerely,

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